



**From the Desk of Janice Tierney**  
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**“Throw kindness around like confetti!”**

We have heard your feedback about the number of emails as well as some of the inconsistency with timing of correspondence. The frequent emails, in the early days of the school year, reflected the large amount of information that both the district and Franklin had to communicate to our families and community. This year, almost all of our structures, routines and procedures required at minimum some tweaking and at most, complete rewrites. Please be assured that I will not communicate unless the information is important for you to know.

This year please anticipate that our weekly blast, barring technical difficulties, will land in your inbox sometime on Friday afternoon. In order to remain consistent, I will send something; however, as promised, I will not write when there is nothing valuable to share. There may be weeks that it is just a greeting or wishes for a lovely weekend =0).

**IMPORTANT ITEMS:**

- The district has clearly communicated that, **at no time**, should a virtual lesson or exchange be recorded – regardless of content or student participation. This includes individual assessment or conferencing sessions.
- Our in-person learner population will be increasing by 12 students as of October 1, 2020 with first grade growing by 2, second by 2, third by 3, fourth grade by 3 and fifth grade by 2. As you know these numbers may shift with families opting to go to remote learning; however, entrance into live learning is limited to the first of each month.
- *Participation in the afternoon session of instruction is not optional and attendance and assignment completion is monitored.* If your child does not log back on from 1:30 to 3:00 PM, they are considered absent for the afternoon session of school.
- Technology challenges still exist and may occur without warning. Teachers and our tech team continue to develop interventions and supports to ensure that all learners have access to the classroom. Your continued patience is appreciated.

- Please remember to send extra masks with your child each day.
- Health screening and absence reporting is an on-going expectation ensuring that our school community remains healthy. Watch for additional information from the district regarding absence reporting; however, all forms can be found on our health office link as well as on our PTO main page.
- Watch for a letter from the district elementary principals regarding the instructional schedule later today.

**Virtual BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT - September 29, 2020 @ 6 PM**

Watch your inbox for an email from your child's teacher which will contain an individualized class, Back to School Night outline. Each listed name is a link to a presentation organized to view from top to bottom. We have tested all of the links and they should provide a wonderful glimpse into the classroom and learning expectations for the year ahead. As always, any concerns or questions, please reach out.

Have a wonderful long weekend! J